

# Marangis language

**Marangis** a.k.a. **Watam** is a Ramu language of Papua New Guinea. Like Bosmun, it shares a number of irregular plural markers with the Lower Sepik languages, supporting the proposal of a Ramu – Lower Sepik language family.

It is spoken in the two villages of:<sup>[3][4]</sup>

- Watam village, Marienberg Rural LLG, East Sepik Province (3.906592°S 144.545246°E)
- Marangis village, Yawar Rural LLG, Madang Province (4.014075°S 144.605629°E)

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## Pronouns

The pronominal system of Watam has a four-way distinction, with there being a paucal ("a few", "more than two") number for pronouns in addition to singular, dual, and plural.<sup>[5]</sup>

person	singular	dual	<u>paucal</u>	plural
<b>1st</b>	yak	anga	apak	ae
<b>2nd</b>	u	nongo	ninga	ne
<b>3rd</b>	ma	minga	minga	min

## Nouns

Nominal plural formatives include:<sup>[5]</sup>

Marangis	
Watam	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Madang Province, East Sepik Province
Native speakers	590 (2003) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Ramu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ramu proper<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lower Ramu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ottilien<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Watam<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Marangis</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	wax
Glottolog	wata1253 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/wata1253</span> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

<b>gloss</b>	<b>singular</b>	<b>plural</b>
'ear'	kwar	kwair
'elbow'	tutup	tutpemb
'buttocks'	tok	toke
'leg'	or	orar
'man'	namot	namtar
'girl'	namonj	navgor
'nose'	ngum	gubeb
'bandicoot'	manjem	manjbar
'sago'	wak	wik
'betelnut'	menjak	mijnjik

## Verbs

Watam verbal conjugation for the verb *ndo* 'to see':<sup>[5]</sup>

<b>tense</b>	<b>verbal form</b>
<b>present</b>	ndo-ta
<b>present</b>	ndo-ri
<b>future</b>	ndo-na(n)
<b>imperative</b>	ndo

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